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From: Marincola, JamesPaul
Sent: Mon 4/22/2013 6:02:12 PM
Subject: FW: ACTION: Los Angeles Newspaper Group re: info on chromium 6 -- DEADLINE 04/18

Bruce,

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Inquiry:

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EPA will review the final risk assessment, evaluate monitoring data for chromium-6 collected during the unregulated contaminant monitoring program and consider all other relevant information to determine if a new drinking water regulation for chromium-6 or a revision to the current total chromium standard is warranted.

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From: Keener, Bill

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 10:45 AM

To: Mogharabi, Nahal; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Marincola, JamesPaul

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From: Kika, Stacy

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 10:35 AM

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2013 3:03 PM  
**To:** Keener, Bill; Zito, Kelly  
**Cc:** Senn, John  
**Subject:** ACTION: Los Angeles Newspaper Group re: info on chromium 6 -- DEADLINE 04/18

Hi,

Just wanted to loop you in on this request as a heads up. We have received the following request at HQ and we are currently working on a response. Please let us know if you have anything to add or any thoughts.

Thanks,

Stacy

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Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 2:25 PM
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